

HOUSE BILL 541

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plate – United States Armed Forces**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make
4 available for certain vehicles a special registration plate honoring the armed
5 forces of the United States; authorizing certain persons to apply for the special
6 registration plate; requiring certain owners of vehicles assigned a special
7 registration plate under this Act to pay certain fees; requiring that certain fees
8 be used only for certain purposes; requiring a registration plate issued under
9 this Act to contain a certain graphic design and certain words; requiring the
10 Administration to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act; and
11 generally relating to a special registration plate honoring the armed forces of
12 the United States.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 13–619.3

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 **13–619.3.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR**
2 **QUALIFYING VEHICLES A SPECIALLY DESIGNED REGISTRATION PLATE**
3 **HONORING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4 **(B) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A**
5 **LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICER, AN**
6 **EMPLOYEE, OR A PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE**
7 **CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE**
8 **ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ORIGINAL OR A SUBSTITUTE REGISTRATION PLATE**
9 **UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING**
10 **CLASSES:**

11 **(1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**

12 **(2) A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE;**

13 **(3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S**
14 **RATED CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS;**

15 **(4) A CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLE; OR**

16 **(5) A CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.**

17 **(C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE**
18 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A**
19 **REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY:**

20 **(I) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE, A**
21 **ONE-TIME FEE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER THE**
22 **ADMINISTRATION'S COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

23 **(II) WHEN INITIALLY ISSUED THE REGISTRATION PLATE,**
24 **AND EACH TIME THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS RENEWED, AN ADDITIONAL FEE**
25 **SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF AT LEAST \$20 TO BENEFIT THE MARYLAND**
26 **CHAPTER OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.**

27 **(2) THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS**
28 **NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE THAT IS EXEMPT**
29 **UNDER § 13-903 OF THIS TITLE.**

30 **(3) NO PORTION OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION**
31 **MAY BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE**
32 **ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

1 **(D) A REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL**
2 **INCLUDE A GRAPHIC DESIGN OF A BALD EAGLE AND THE WORDS “SUPPORT**
3 **MARYLAND VETERANS”.**

4 **(E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT**
5 **THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2012.